

Toy Donations Needed by December 8

Help make the holidays brighter for Gladstone families by donating new, unwrapped toys for kids from birth to age 12.

Please drop off toys by December 8 at these locations:

Christian Books and Vegetarian Foods – 19700 Oatfield Road: Sundays 11-4, Mondays to Thursdays 10 am to 5:30 pm, or Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. [Closed Saturdays]

Gladstone Fire Station #22— 555 Portland Ave: 8 am to 8pm



All gifts will be distributed by Gladstone's Adopt-a-Family project, a partnership between Gladstone High School, Rotary of Gladstone/Oak Lodge, the Gladstone Police Department, Fire District 1, and the Oregon Conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) Santa Squad

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and we are hoping for a festive, fun and safe time for all. The Gladstone Police Department is pleased to announce our 4th annual "Santa Squad" service. This service will be available to Gladstone residents (only) from December 1st through December 23rd.

If you are concerned with holiday gifts, packages, or deliveries being stolen from your front porch, this service may be for you. You can have your small packages sent directly to the GPD and pick them up from us, ensuring that the "Grinch" won't ruin the season.

If you are a Gladstone resident, here is what you need to do to take advantage of this free service:

Step #1: Order your package and have it sent to:

C/O Gladstone Police Department (Santa Squad) at 18505 Portland Ave., Gladstone, OR 97027. **Don't forget to also include your name so Santa's helper knows who to notify once the package arrives!!**

Step #2: Email Cathy (Santa's Helper) at ckerrigan@gladstoneoregon.us and provide:

- Your name
- Phone number to reach you when the package arrives
- Where the package is coming from

After your package arrives, we will call you and you can pick it up Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It's that simple! The Gladstone Police Department wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and thanks you for your support.



Recruiting for Ad Hoc Committee

In May 2022, the City Council provided staff guidance to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review Gladstone City Council Rules for conformity to the new Gladstone City Charter, and to review the 2013 Gladstone City Council Guidebook and make recommendations. The City is now in search of individuals to join this Ad Hoc Committee. The City Council will appoint members at the January 10, 2023 Council Meeting. To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall at 18505 Portland Avenue. **Applications must be returned by 4:00 pm on December 12, 2022.**

Follow the Star Christmas Extravaganza is Back!!

Since 2004, thousands of people have come to experience Follow the Star. Many have made this a Christmas tradition. This Christmas extravaganza is performed yearly at the Gladstone Park Conference Center at 19500 Oatfield Rd. Unfortunately, COVID closed the program down for the last two seasons but now we are back.

Our performers are eager to guide you through seven scenes and tell a story as you traverse the torch-lit paths of the Gladstone Campgrounds. In this live theater, you become part of the story.

Tickets go on sale November 3rd at followthestarevent.com. Tickets are \$2 each for online reserved spaces and a limited number of walk-ins will be available each evening. Bring your family and your friends and discover the real magic of Christmas.

City Closures

City offices will be closed Monday, December 26th in observation of Christmas Day and Monday, January 2nd in observation of New Years Day. During this time, payments may be placed in the silver dropbox located in the center of the Civic Center parking lot. Other payment options can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/community/page/online-payments

Upcoming City Meetings

The City of Gladstone is abiding by guidelines set forth in House Bill 2560, requiring the City to make all meetings accessible remotely for members of general public. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- City Council- Tues., December 13th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting- December 12th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center
 - Senior Center Advisory Board- Tues., December 20th at 3:30 pm, Gladstone Senior Center.
 - Planning Commission Meeting- Tues., December 20th at 6:30 pm, Gladstone Civic Center.
 - Clackamas County Library Advisory Board- Thurs. December 15th at 5:30 pm via Zoom: clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board#meetings
- Visit www.ci.gladstone.or.us for more information.

14th Annual Santa and the Seagrave

Santa is out and about once again in Gladstone, his brand new sleigh will again be pulled by the 1973 Gladstone Seagrave Fire Engine.



Santa will be riding in his sleigh the nights of December 8th, 9th and 10th. All donations of toys, food or clothing will be donated back to Gladstone families in need. Santa will be in the historic downtown on the 8th, River Road and Lower North Gladstone on the 9th and the highlands/Sherwood Forest on the 10th. Please see our Facebook page at Facebook.com/santamack.1 for more information.

Election Results

After Election results have been certified on December 13th, the City of Gladstone will schedule time in early January 2023 to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor Michael Milch and Councilors Vanessa Huckaby (position #1); Veronica Reichle (position #3), and Luke Roberts (position #5). Thank you to outgoing Mayor Tamara Stempel, Councilor Randy Ripley; Councilor Matt Tracy, and Councilor Tracy Todd.

Utility Rate Increase Information

At the December 13th meeting, Gladstone City Council will be considering a rate increase of 4% for Water, Sewer and Storm charges for Gladstone residents, effective on January 1, 2023. Once approved by Council, more information regarding the utility increase will be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/publicworks/page/utility-rate-increase-information. Questions? Contact the Utility Billing Department ub@ci.gladstone.or.us or 503-557-2771.

Message from Gladstone Police Chief, John Schmerber

As December arrives, so does the holiday season. Your safety and security is a priority for the police department and I want to provide you with some general holiday safety and crime prevention tips.

At Home:

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks and use them!
- Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.
- NEIGHBORS SHOULD WATCH OVER ONE ANOTHER!

Strangers at your Door:

- Use caution anytime there is a stranger at your door.
- Be suspicious of unexpected sales calls or deliveries, ask for identification.
- Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays.
- Investigate charities before making donations. Ask how the funds will be used.

Leaving for the Holidays:

- Ask a trusted friend, neighbor or family member to watch your home.
- Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

Avoiding Porch Theft:

- Network with Neighbors.
- Have packages delivered to work.
- Leave specific drop off instructions
- Install security camera's
- Have holiday packages sent to the Gladstone Police Department.

Shopping:

- Never shop alone, go with a friend and or family member
- All purchases should be secured in the trunk of your car and out of sight.
- Be aware of your surroundings when pulling into a parking lot. If something is not right, go with your gut and find another place to park or shop.

Gladstone is a very safe community. Remember, there are times where extra patience will be required and kindness delivered when you are out and about this holiday season. Let's make sure we take care of one another and celebrate and safe holiday season in our community!

Sincerely,

John Schmerber,
Chief of Police



Report, Support, Refer

Bias crimes and incidents affect entire communities. They make individuals feel unwelcome or unsafe. Reporting bias crimes and incidents provides support to victims of bias. Tracking bias crimes and incidents is required under Oregon laws.

ORS 147.380 requires all law enforcement officers assisting bias crime and bias incident victims to make a referral:



- To Qualifying Local Victim Services (see QR code)
- Call the Bias Hotline (1-844-924-2427). For hearing impaired, call 711 for Oregon Relay
- To report a bias crime or incident online go to: StandAgainstHate.Oregon.gov

What Can be Recycled During the Holidays



Many people wonder which items, that are frequently around during the holidays, can be recycled. Here's a guide to some of the most common: ***Wrapping paper/packaging and wrapping tissue:** Plain wrapping paper and tissue paper can be recycled, any paper with glitter, metallic or anything shiny on it can not; ***Ribbon:** trash or consider reusing or donate to places such as SCRAP; ***Bubble wrap:** can only be added to plastic bag recycling at participating grocery stores. ***Styrofoam:** trash; ***Rigid plastic on packaging:** trash or take to an independent recycler; ***Christmas lights:** trash or take to an independent recycler. For more information about recycling in Clackamas County, visit www.clackamas.us/recycling.

Meldrum Bar Parking Kiosk

Below you will find the net profit (loss) since installation of the parking kiosk in June 2021.

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Revenues:		
July	27,682.00	15,747.00
August	16,611.00	14,525.00
September	9,736.00	8,383.00
October	5,894.00	4,963.00
November	2,179.00	
December	1,799.00	
January	6,018.00	
February	5,359.00	
March	7,373.00	
April	11,072.00	
May	11,380.00	
June	9,909.00	
	115,012.00	43,618.00
Expenditures:		
Contractual Services	3,488.38	1,312.70
Credit card fees	4,998.08	1,956.50
Operations &	9,656.14	622.60
Purchase & install kiosk	5,422.50	—
Year to date	23,565.10	3,891.80
Net Profit (Loss)	91,446.90	39,726.20
Cumulative Balance	20,895.82	60,622.02

Holiday Safety from Clackamas Fire District #1

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following these simple tips will ensure a happy and safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorations

- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Make sure to keep your tree watered and hydrated.
- Remove the tree from your home if it gets too dry.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not for both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Holiday Gatherings

- Test your smoke alarms and share your home fire escape plan with guests.
 - Keep matches and lighters up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
 - Keep children and pets away from lit candles. Never leave candles unattended.
 - Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
 - Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Keep your holiday season happy and safe, be fire smart!

Gladstone Public Works Leaf Drop Off



Missed Leaf Pick-up? Too many leaves?

The Gladstone Public Works Department will be holding a Leaf Drop Off at the Public Works Yard on

Saturday December 17th from 8 am – 12 pm.

Fill up your truck and bring your leaves down to the Public Works yard where you can dump them free of charge. We suggest placing them on a tarp for easy and quick removal from the back of your truck.

GLADSTONE RESIDENTS ONLY – NO CONTRACTORS – NO LANDSCAPERS

The Dangers of Using a Generator Indoors.

Each year, millions rely on a portable generator for their electrical needs when they lose power.

When used improperly, a deadly result can happen. One of the biggest dangers is carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning which can lead to serious illness or death.

What is carbon monoxide (CO) and why is it so dangerous? Carbon monoxide is a gas produced by burning any type of fuel/gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal. What makes this gas so dangerous is that when you breathe it in, it replaces the oxygen in your blood. Without oxygen, the cells throughout the body die and organs stop working. Breathe too much of it, and it becomes deadly within minutes. What makes carbon monoxide (CO) worse is that you can't see it, smell it, or taste it.

Operating a generator indoors is never a good idea! Some simple steps to take can help eliminate the possibility of injuries or death.



- First and foremost, NEVER use indoors. If you must run a generator, make sure that it is positioned at LEAST 15 feet away from doors and windows outside.

- Never plug a generator directly into an outlet as this can send power back into the lines causing a hazardous situation for utility workers.

- Make sure the generator is properly grounded and it is well maintained.

- Never refuel indoors.

- Only a licensed electrician can install an approved automatic transfer switch.

- Only use heavy duty extension cords rated for outdoor use plugged directly into generator.

- Read and follow operator's manual closely before operating your generator.

- Install CO detectors throughout your house to alert you of the presence of carbon monoxide.

2023 Business License Renewals

Business Owners and Operators: Be on the look out for Business License renewal applications! For a general business license the fee is \$100, plus \$5 per employee over 3 full time equivalent employees.

Rental property owners are required to pay the base fee of \$100 plus \$25 for one rental unit, \$50 for 2-5 rental units, \$75 for 6-12 rental units or \$100 for 13+ rental units. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. Questions can be emailed to bl@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Liquor License Renewals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) advises the City yearly for businesses that are eligible for a liquor license renewal. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 471.166 establishes the process for local governments to make recommendations of approval or denial to the OLCC. The City is requesting residents express any concerns about currently OLCC licensed businesses. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Tami Bannick at bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us by February 1, 2023.

Ben Holladay & the Great Railroad



December 24, 1869 witnessed the most unusual Christmas Eve celebration ever seen on the Clackamas River. A locomotive, with flags

flying, whistles blowing, and bells clanging, charged across a just-completed bridge between present-day Gladstone and Park Place. With this event, railroad magnate Ben Holladay, riding aboard the locomotive, had successfully won the rights to build the first rail line linking Oregon with California.

When Holladay originally came to Oregon in August 1868 only one functioning railroad existed anywhere in the state, namely: a few miles of portage around the Cascades of the Columbia River. As part of the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era, attention turned to expanding the nation's transportation infrastructure. On the West Coast, it was focused on linking Oregon and California by rail. Oregonians soon fell to quarreling about what route it should follow.

First, there were those favoring a route on the west side of the Willamette River. Portland interests favored this route because their town was at that time confined to the river's west bank. As there were then no bridges connecting the east and west banks, Portlanders feared that a cross-river railhead would lead to a rival town on the east bank. But upriver there were other towns, such as Milwaukie and Oregon City, which favored an east-side route.

The West Siders, led by lawyer and journalist Joseph Gaston, held the initial advantage by forming the Oregon Central Railroad Co.,

backed and financed by the Portland-based Oregon Steam Navigation Co. A rival group of East Siders, led by Oregon Governor George L. Woods, formed their own corporation using, confusingly, the same name, "Oregon Central Railroad Co." it was the East Siders's need for financing that brought Ben Holladay north from California to the Oregon scene.

After adroit political maneuvering (including bribery), Holladay succeeded in having the project awarded to the company that could first complete 20 miles of useable trackage by Christmas Day 1869. At first, the West Siders surged into the lead, building on the Tualatin Valley's level terrain. But Holladay's resourceful crews (including many Chinese) gained the lead.

Only bridging the Clackamas River stood in the way of his company's success. The bridge and the final portion of the 20 miles of trackage through Oregon City south to New Era were nearing completion in November. But just as it appeared that Holladay and company would win the race, nature intervened when a late November storm turned the Clackamas into a raging torrent that carried away the bridge.

With barely a month in which to reconstruct the bridge, Holladay's crews labored night and day to restore the structure. On December 23rd, Chinese workers drove the last spikes at New Era, and on the following day Holladay rode the first locomotive across the Clackamas. The celebrations continued the next day on Christmas. Curiously, these events may have been witnessed by Rebecca Holladay Cason, widow of Fendal Cason, and a first cousin of Ben Holladay.

Written by Herb Beals (1934-2013), Former Gladstone Historical Society.

Volunteers – Gladstone Needs You!



Are you looking for a new opportunity to serve in your community? If so, consider applying to serve on a City board, commission or committee. The City has six (6) active boards, commissions and committees that are composed of volunteers. Recruitment is underway for 9 open positions to be filled January 2023.

At the January 10, 2023 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments and re-appointments to the following boards, commissions and committees:

One (1) term on the Planning Commission; Two (2) terms on the Budget Committee; Three (3) terms on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board; One (1) term on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board; Two (2) terms on the Senior Center Advisory Board.

Boards, commissions and committees review new and existing

operations in specific areas and suggest an appropriate course of action to City department heads and the City Council. Members of boards, commissions and committees provide an invaluable service to the City by advising the City Council on a wide variety of subjects and making recommendations on important policy matters.

Let your voice be heard by sharing your experience, expertise and time. You can provide valuable insight from the citizen's point of view to the operations of the City and the City Council's decision-making process.

To obtain an application and information about serving on a committee, board or commission, visit the city's website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc>, email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall at 18505 Portland Avenue. Applications must be returned by 4:00 pm on December 12, 2022.

City of Gladstone—Senior Center
1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027

GLADSTONE SENIOR CENTER'S

WINTER HOLIDAY MARKET

all day

Plus, join us for Gladstone's
official Christmas Tree lighting

Shop the market 9a-4p

COME SEE SANTA! and have a photo keepsake.

Have a cup of hot cocoa

Hot dogs

Join the Christmas Tree Lighting at 5pm

We will light the tree at 5pm.

EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL AGES & ENTRY IS FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH Market is 9AM-4PM

1050 PORTLAND AVE. GLADSTONE OR 97027

FOR INFO CALL 503-655-7701

* FOOD * ART * JEWELRY * DÉCOR
* FASHION * GIFTS * CRAFTS * TRINKETS
 * BAKED GOODS
 * UNIQUE ITEMS

*The Gladstone Seniors Foundation is the non-profit fundraising arm of the
Gladstone Senior Center*

THE PERFECT GIFT FOR 2022—Leave a LEGACY STONE!

This year our major fundraising drive is for *Beautification of the Portland Ave. side of the Center*. We have enlarged the patio with beautiful decorative pavers. The new patio includes cedar fencing, landscaping, better lighting and picnic tables accessible to any ability. This has greatly improved the curb appeal, and encouraged better use of the space ie: family gatherings, birthday parties.

For any \$100 donations, you may have your friend, loved one/family name engraved on your paver. To donate please contact the Senior Center: 503.655.7701

FORMS ARE IN THE SENIOR. 1050 Portland Ave Gladstone, OR 97027

DECEMBER
2022

We are Open
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:00 pm

**CLOSED MONDAY Dec
26th**
(503) 655-7701

Join Us for the Annual
Holiday party! Thursday,
December 15th at 11:30a

YUMMY catered FOOD

LIVE BAND

GIFTS—raffle



January 2023 at the center!

- Community BINGO on Friday nights
- AARP TAX rsvp appointment
- NEW MEMIORS Group (There are no requirements and everyone is welcome.)
- Free TAI CHI (Mon + Wed) - call center
- More Lunch + Lunch presentations
- Visits from John Wetten Elementary—5th graders (only Tuesdays; 2x/month)

Gladstone Community Classes held at the center are fee based;

Yoga
Water Color
Acrylics
Zumba

City Christmas Tree Lighting SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 10th at 5pm outside the center.

December 2022

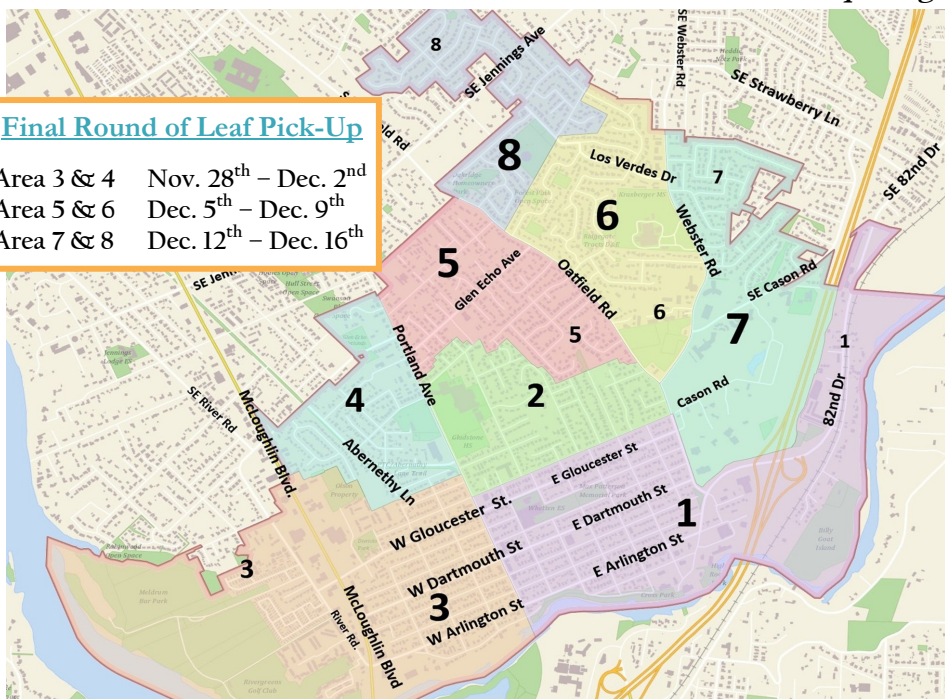
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			12/1 Lunch –Turkey Te-trazzini 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub	12/2 Trip– Red Mittens Craft Fair + Biscuits Cafe 12:45- Pinochle
12/5 10:00-Craft Hour 12:45- Pinochle	12/6 Lunch-Macaroni & Cheese LUNCH + LEARN- James Pritchard – Music History 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub 1:00-Bingo	12/7 Lunch-Beef & Black Bean Chili 12:45- Pinochle	12/8 Lunch –Beef Rigatoni LIVE MUSIC at Lunch 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub	12/9 Trip- Follow the Star (walking tour) 12:45- Pinochle
12/12 10:00-Craft Hour 12:45- Pinochle	12/13 Lunch –Santa Fe Chicken Salad JOHN WETTEN KIDS – 5th grade class-  10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub 1:00-Bingo	12/14 Spaghetti 12:45- Pinochle	12/15 Lunch- Christmas Party 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub	12/16 Trip-ALS Garden + Lunch 12:45- Pinochle
12/19 10:00-Craft Hour 12:45- Pinochle	12/20 Lunch- Ham w/ Raisin Sauce LUNCH + LEARN- James Pritchard – Music History 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub 1:00-Bingo	12/21 Lunch –Salisbury Steal 12:45- Pinochle	12/22 Lunch –Breaded Beef steak LIVE MUSIC at Lunch 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub	12/23 NO TRIP 12:45- Pinochle
12/26 CLOSED	12/27-Cheese Omelet 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub 1:00-Bingo MOVIE: Avatar (fee is non-refundable)	12/28- German Meatballs LIVE MUSIC at Lunch 12:45- Pinochle	12/29- Lunch-Chicken Spaghetti 10:30-Chair Exercise 1:00-Scrabble/Rummikub	12/30 Trip– Pittock Mansion + lunch 12:45- Pinochle

**Annual Fundraiser by the Kiwanis Club at
Saturday morning at 8am in the center**

Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program

Final Round of Leaf Pick-Up

Area 3 & 4	Nov. 28 th – Dec. 2 nd
Area 5 & 6	Dec. 5 th – Dec. 9 th
Area 7 & 8	Dec. 12 th – Dec. 16 th



As the leaf pick-up program 2022 comes to an end, the Public Works Department asks that residents follow the simple guidelines below:

- **Do not block** bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways, mailboxes, driveways, or intersections with leaf piles. Keep leaf piles separate from garbage cans and yard debris bins.
- **Remove any obstructions:** Including basketball hoops and parked cars, to allow for the leaf pick-up equipment.
- **Crews will not pick up:** Yard debris, tree branches, grass clippings, construction materials, or garbage during leaf pick-up operations. Please do NOT place these items in your leaf piles!
- **Please place small piles of leaves in your yard debris bin!** Let's keep small piles out of the street!

Gladstone Public Works Sanitary Sewer Line Cleaning Program



The Gladstone municipal sewer collection system consists of 35 miles of City mainline piping ranging from 6" to 30" in diameter and 1,141 access manholes ranging from 2' to 30' deep. Some of the City's sewer infrastructure is nearly 100 years old.

Gladstone Public Works serves the community with a sanitary sewer line cleaning program funded by the City's sanitary sewer enterprise fund. Program goals are to improve drainage capacity, prevent blockages which cause sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) to our rivers, streets and buildings, eliminate cleanup costs, reduce stress on pipes increasing infrastructure longevity, prevent biohazards and odors, and maintain Oregon DEQ regulatory compliance. Public Works routinely cleans every City sewer mainline in town once every four years (46,200 feet per year) using a combination sewer cleaning truck equipped with 600 feet of high pressure water jet hose to scour and clean the sewer lines and a high powered vacuum tube to remove debris. Public Works

crews quarterly clean "hot spot" sewer lines (16 total pipe sections, 5,231 total feet) that have a past history of backups, slow drainage, grease buildups and root intrusions.

What can you do to help prevent backups in your sewer lateral and in the city main?

- Properly dispose of grease. Cooking oil should be poured into a heat-resistant container and disposed of properly after it cools off, not in the drain. Washing grease down the drain with hot water is unsatisfactory. As the grease cools off, it will solidify either in the drain, the property owner's line, or in the main sewer causing the line to constrict and eventually clog.
- Properly dispose of paper products. "Flushable" wipes, paper towels, disposable (and cloth) diapers, hygienic wipes and feminine products do not deteriorate quickly

Sewer backups happen when raw sewage can't flow through the sewer system and is forced back into your home.

← Partially blocked line with "Flushable" wipes blockage of flushable removed from local sewer main" - Photo Credit WES, Clackamas County



Wipes—yes, even "flushable" ones, and other material that doesn't break down in water may clear your toilet, but they can get caught in your internal plumbing, and can cause a great deal of trouble in the property owner's lateral as well as in the city main.

- Periodically cut tree roots. If you have continuing problems with tree roots in your lateral, you may have to regularly have the roots cut by a professional.
- Replace your line with new plastic pipe. Plastic pipe will prevent tree roots from entering your line is to replace your line and tap with new plastic pipe.

Community Litter Pickup Program

It's back! After a hiatus due to the P a n d e m i c , Gladstone Public Works is happy to once again provide volunteers with cleanup kits for those who want to help beautify our community. Kits will include 1 trash picker, gloves and trash bags. Contact Public Works for your kit today! Address: 18595 Portland Ave. Phone: (503) 656-7957 Email: pwoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us



City of Gladstone Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department will be continuing a "Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule". This schedule will follow the same "area/zone map" as utilized for the Leaf Pick-Up Program. The first Monday of every month the street sweeper will run consecutively for eight business days, completing one area per day until the entire City is completed. The schedule takes into consideration garbage pickup days, as to not interfere with garbage pick-up. In the event your scheduled day falls on a holiday, the schedule will be delayed by one (1) day.

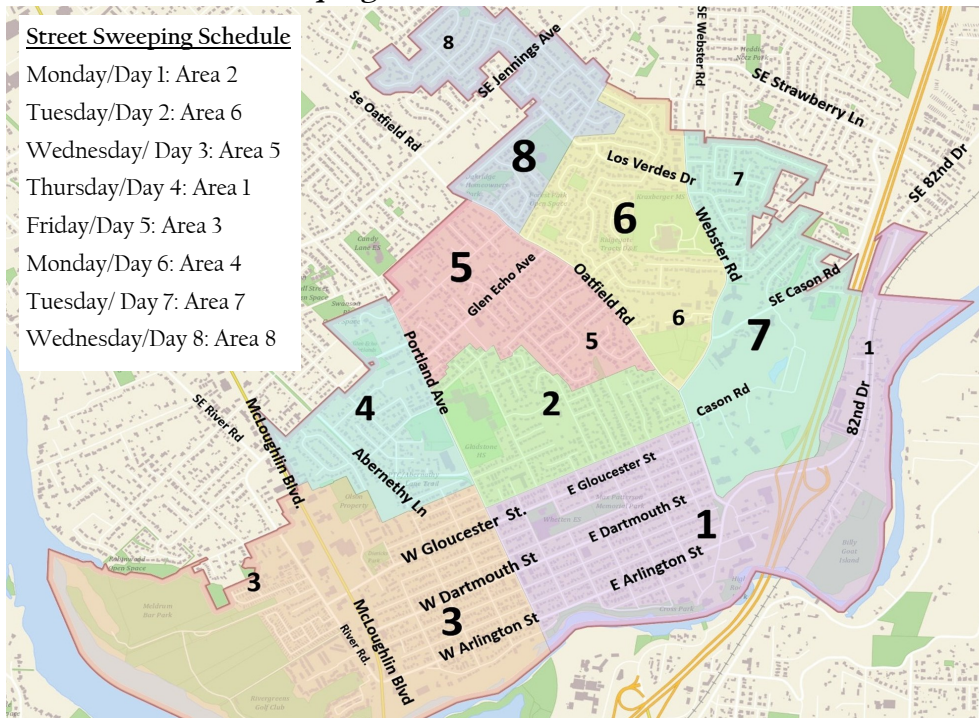
If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Office at 503-656-7957.



Sweeping schedule begins on the 1st Monday of each month.

Street Sweeping Schedule

- Monday/Day 1: Area 2
- Tuesday/Day 2: Area 6
- Wednesday/ Day 3: Area 5
- Thursday/Day 4: Area 1
- Friday/Day 5: Area 3
- Monday/Day 6: Area 4
- Tuesday/ Day 7: Area 7
- Wednesday/Day 8: Area 8



FOGNAP replants Big Maple Grove



Fall rains are great for new plantings! The cooler air and abundant water help new plants get a good start.

Native plants were introduced in the previously cleared Big Maple Grove in the Gladstone Nature Park on Saturday, October 29th. Friends of Gladstone Nature Park (FOGNAP) volunteers and Gladstone High School (GHS) students (fueled by a couple dozen Voodoo Donuts) planted 150 plants in the rocky outcropping surrounding the big maple trees. Volunteers also planted 50 milkweed plants (provided by a grant from the Elkton Butterfly Center) to the Butterfly/Pollinator Hill. Thanks go to GHS Key Club advisor, Rachel Hohbach who organized the students, David Michael who selected the plants, and all our volunteers who planted and helped water and mulch.

The Big Maple Grove is located by taking the first trail on the left from the parking lot.

FOGNAP will not hold workdays on the last Saturday of November and December. If you would like to schedule a workday, please contact us. There is always plenty of fun things to work on in the park! To learn more, visit gladstonenaturepark.org, email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com or call 503-804-0314.

The Park is located at 18111 Webster Road in Gladstone.

Hello all Gladstone Gladiators!

We are the Gladstone High School Booster Club, and we are looking for your help. The simplest way that you can help support the Gladstone Boosters is by linking your Amazon account to the Boosters Club via Amazon Smiles. Amazon Smiles will directly donate a portion of what you spend to the Gladstone Boosters at NO cost to you. Please search for Amazon Smiles and make sure that you chose the Gladstone Boosters Club in Oregon. Also, do you shop at Fred Meyers and have a rewards card? You can link that card to the Gladstone Booster Club and Fred Meyer will donate a portion of what you spend directly to the Gladstone Boosters at NO cost to you. Go to FredMeyer.com/communityrewards. Once there, you can link your card to an organization. Gladstone Boosters is organization number DT563.

Free Clothes for Babies, Kids, and Teens

The Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet provides free, gently-used clothing, shoes, & jackets for youths from birth to age 18. All are welcome.

Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon [Closed December 24 & 31]

Location: Off Nelson Lane on the north side of the Gladstone High School campus

Donations accepted: Only sizes and styles for babies, kids, and teens. [Saturdays 10-noon]

Questions? Contact Becky Speulda at bbspeulda@yahoo.com.

This project is a collaboration between Gladstone Christian Church, Rotary Club of Gladstone/Oak Lodge, Gladstone Mutual Aid, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, and Gladstone Schools.



Mighty Moe Needs You!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Snack Shacks at all home activities and games. This is a great way to help your students' activities, clubs & teams. How you ask? Part of what Gladstone Boosters does is we raise money to help offset some of the costs of student activities/sports. When you volunteer in the Snack Shack, the Gladstone Boosters will donate \$25.00 per shift worked to the activity/club/team of your choosing. This is also a fun way to interact with other families and the community at large. And there is no limit to how much you can earn each season! Join us at our next meeting Wednesday, December 12th, 6 pm in the GHS cafeteria. Scan the QR code to access our SignUpGenius to volunteer in the snack shacks.



Congratulations to Boys Soccer, Volleyball and Band volunteers for earning the most during the fall season!!

www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084fabaa2ea0f49-winter

Christmas Ships

This year marks the 68th year for the Christmas Ships Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers around Portland and outskirt Cities. The schedule has been set and will kick off on December 2, 2022 starting at 7:00 pm. For more information and to view a detailed map of where the fleet will be located, please visit the Christmas Ships website at www.christmasships.org/schedule/download-schedules



GHS Grad Party Fundraiser

Happy Holidays Gladstone! The GHS Grad Party committee will hold the next Bottle & Can drive on Sunday, December 4th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. We'll see you there! We will be back to our regular Saturday schedule on January 7th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will also be recycling your Christmas trees for a small donation! Start the new year with a garage cleanout!



Local Telephone Numbers

- City Hall General Business Line503-656-5225
- Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info ...503-557-2771
- Municipal Court/Traffic Citations503-557-2772
- Public Works503-656-7957
- Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm503-557-2797
- Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm503-557-2776
- Library503-655-8540
- Senior Center503-655-7701
- Recreation/Business License503-557-2766
- Planning503-742-4510
- Electrical/Plumbing Permits503-742-4240
- Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance ..503-557-2763
- Clackamas County Dog Services503-655-8628
- Gladstone School District503-655-2777
- Gladstone High School503-655-2544
- Kraxberger Middle School503-655-3636
- John Wetten Elementary School503-656-6564
- Gladstone Disposal Company503-656-9426
- Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)503-299-9999
- Portland General Electric503-228-6322
- Northwest Natural Gas503-226-4211
- Comcast Cable1-800-934-6489
- Century Link1-866-642-0444
- Non-Emergency Dispatch503-655-8211
- (option 1 for police or fire calls)

Gladstone High School WINTER Home Game Schedule December 2022		
DATE	TEAM	GAMES
3-Dec	Dance Team	Gladstone Dance Competition Round 1 @ 11:30a / Round 2 @ 3:00pm All Day Pass: \$10 Adults, \$7 Students/Seniors, Free for 3 and under *One Exhibition by Gladettes each round!* Snack Shack will be open during the competition and a BBQ lunch will be available for purchase.
5-Dec	JV2 & JV Boys Basketball	vs Milwaukie - 4:00pm/5:30pm
9-Dec	Swimming	at River City Invitational (Scappoose) Swimming starts at 4:00pm
10-Dec	Dance Team	Gladstone Dance Showcase Dancing starts @ 1:00pm - Free for all Join us to watch performances from our current team and a special appearance by GHS Dance alumni!
13-Dec	Boys Basketball	vs Tillamook JV2 - 5:30pm/JV - 5:30pm/V - 7:00pm
16-Dec	Swimming	at Molalla Aquatic Park Swimming starts at 4:00pm
19-Dec & 20-Dec	Girls & Boys Basketball	Gladstone Holiday Tournament (Varsity & JV) Games start at 1:30pm; last games start at 7:30pm
28-Dec	JV Boys Basketball	JV Gladstone Tournament Games starts at 11:30am
30-Dec	JV Girls & JV2 Boys Basketball	JV & JV2 Gladstone Tournament Games starts at 11:30am

NO Tobacco or Alcohol use on any Gladstone School District property at any time. ALL humans who are not old enough to attend high school MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AND SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.

Schedule may change, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.
The GHS Booster Snack Shack will be open during most home games (cash or venmo accepted).
All games/meets/events listed here may charge admission: price and form of payment varies

Need help? Contact us by phone or email, or visit us online at clackamas.us/lib:
Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10am-6 pm; Tuesday and Thursday: 12 noon-8 pm; Wednesday: 10 am-8 pm

CALENDAR ENTRIES

All-Ages Storytime: Every Monday (*NEW DAY!*) and Wednesday from 10:15-10:45 am. Enjoy your favorite storytime books, songs, and games with Teacher Heather at the library! All ages welcome. NOTE: No Storytime on Monday, December 26, 2022!

Adult Craft: Seasonal Coloring (18+ Years): Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 2-4 pm It's a busy season, whatever you celebrate! Take a break and relax while coloring multi-holiday ornaments, gift tags, and greeting cards with envelopes. All supplies provided (while they last). Registration not required; come and go at will. Adults only, please (age 18+).

Kid Craft: Take & Make Craft Kits - Cotton Ball Penguin: Sunday, December 11, 2022 (*and while supplies last!*) Take-home craft kits for kids appear on the 2nd Sunday of each month and are available to pick up at the Gladstone Public Library. Most supplies and instructions are included.

OBOB Book Club: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 from 5-6 pm - Discussing "*Harbor Me*" by Jacqueline Woodson. Wednesday,

December 28, 2022 from 5-6 pm - Discussing "*Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio*" by Peg Kehret. Join us at the library to discuss Oregon's Battle of the Books (OBOB) titles from the 3rd-5th Grade division (ages 9 and under with an adult). Visit our website's **Just for Kids** page at clackamas.us/lib/kids for links to the book lists, and a list of upcoming Book Club titles.

Rock Readers Mystery Book Club: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Engage with other readers in a discussion of "*A Better Man*" by Louise Penny. Ask for a copy of the book at the Gladstone Public Library's front desk, then join the group discussion in the new City Hall's Community Room at 18505 Portland Avenue, Gladstone OR 97027 (park in back).

Clackamas County Library Advisory Board (Virtual Meeting): Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Clackamas County Library Advisory Board meets on the third Thursday of the month. Meetings are open to the public; visit clackamas.us/lib/clackamas-county-library-advisory-board/#meetings for more information.

EARLY LIBRARY CLOSURE to observe Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24, 2022 - Closing at 2:00 pm

LIBRARY CLOSED to observe Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25, 2022

LIBRARY UPDATES AND INFO

Food for Fines is back December 1-18, 2022, with \$1 in overdue fines waived for each food item donated (no expired or damaged items, please). Donations benefit your Gladstone neighbors! Food (*and unwrapped toys for kids under 12*) donated from December 1-8 will support Gladstone's *Adopt-A-Family Project*; food donated from December 9-18 will benefit the *Gladstone Food Pantry*.

StoryWalk® at the Gladstone Nature Park will have a new English/Spanish story installed later this month, "*Dias y Dias/Days and Days*" by Ginger Foglesong Guy. Take a stroll, read the pages, and perform fun activities along the way! Presented in partnership with the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park and the Gladstone Public Library Foundation.

The Gladstone Public Library Foundation's *Twice Sold Tales* bookstore is a great place to find holiday gifts! Donations of books and media are also being accepted (please limit to ONE bag/box per visit).

Gladstone Food Pantry Provides Free Groceries

Families who need nutritious food are invited to choose free groceries at the Gladstone Food Pantry each Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The facility is located at 6460 Glen Echo behind Hillside Fellowship. All residents of Gladstone, Jennings Lodge, and Oak Grove are welcome.

The pantry provides meat, fresh produce, frozen foods, canned foods, and products from Bob's Red Mill and Dave's Killer Bread. For information, contact Food Pantry Manager Alex Van Pelt at 503.737.5283 or email avanpelt@nwfs.org.

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Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.

City Meetings:

- ***City Council**- 2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Planning Commission**- 3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Traffic Safety**- 4th Monday every other month (as needed) - 6:00 pm—Gladstone Civic Center and Zoom
- ***Park & Recreation**- 2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm, currently being held on Zoom
- ***Senior Center Advisory**- held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 3:30 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center., 1050 Portland Avenue.

Copies of all City meeting packets and agendas can be found on the City's website at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Local Meetings:

- ***Friends of Gladstone Nature Park**- Meets the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at 18111 Webster Rd, Gladstone. Visit gladstonenaturepark.org or email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com for more information.
- ***Gladstone Historical Society**- Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Gladstone Civic Center Community Room. For more information, visit www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org or email gladstonehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Gladstone Public Library Foundation (GPLF) Updates



Ghosts and goblins are gone, Thanksgiving day has past. Now twinkling lights brighten up the houses and yards are filled with Santa's, snow folk and creches. Welcome to December.

As 2022 comes to an end, we'd like to take this time to thank all those who have supported our events by giving us their time, talent and treasure. Our dream of a new library is becoming a reality, and we couldn't do it without your help.

When you're thinking of end-of-the-year contributions, please consider the foundation. Your donation to the library not only provides programs for all ages, it enriches the minds of the children who are our future.

Your continued support Donations to Gladstone Public Library Foundation can be sent to: PO Box 146, Gladstone, OR 97027-0145, or to our website.

If you have any questions about our foundation email us at GPLF.contactus@gmail.com. Every penny goes to support our library. Happy New Year and best wishes for all in the coming year.

A city without a library is only a bus stop - unknown

Stay safe, stay healthy, and read.

Job Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for Temporary Seasonal Public Works Employee and resumes for Public Works Supervisor positions. Complete details may be found on the city's website at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/jobs.